

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD  
HUMAN SOURCES COMMITTEE

HSC-M-031

31 January 1975

Minutes of the Thirty-First Meeting, 28 January 1975

Members or Representatives Present

Acting Chairman	- Lt. Gen. Samuel V. Wilson
CIA	[REDACTED]
State	- Mr. John B. Thro (M)
DIA	[REDACTED]
NSA	
Treasury	- Mr. David Laux (M)
Army	- Brig. Gen. Eugene Kelley
Navy	- Mr. C. J. Oleniacz (A)
Air Force	- Col. Walter P. Senio
FBI	- Mr. Robert P. Finzel (M)
ERDA	- Mr. Robert E. Upchurch (M)

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Others Present

State	- Capt. Verne H. Jennings, Jr. (A)
DIA	[REDACTED]
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Air Force	- Mr. John J. Porasky (A)
Army	- Mr. Alfred S. Burnett (A)
FBI	- Mr. Lawrence McWilliams (A)
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1. The Minutes of the thirtieth meeting (HSC-M-030) were approved.

2. General Wilson introduced himself to the Committee, outlining briefly some of his experience in the human source collection arena, noting that he had served with the CIA Operations Directorate, Army Intelligence, and the Defense Attache System. He indicated that HUMINT was the oldest collection system and probably the best collection bargain per unit of expenditure, but also the system most in need of improvement. The Chairman's comments suggested that improvements were needed in the selection and allocation of personnel, training, intelligence guidance, coordination arrangements, resource management, and accountability monitoring.

3. General Wilson emphasized that the Human Sources Committee (HSC) has made a good start but has the potential to do much more. He observed that the HSC is not a management institution; it does not command; the Committee guides in an effort to assist and support management. Much needs to be done, and the Committee can serve as a catalyst. HSC Members, the General stressed, must be active participants in Committee activity, able to present their views in a succinct, professional manner, fully prepared to speak for their Agencies, and have direct and assured access to their USIB Principals. Chairman Wilson noted that the Intelligence Community Staff would support HSC activities, paralleling, as appropriate, Secretariat activity.

4. The Committee next began consideration of a draft HSC Action Plan for CY 1975 earlier circulated to Members under HSC-C-112. The General stressed that this was a draft, initially prepared in the Secretariat, reworked by the IC Staff, and now subject to the various suggestions of the HSC Members. He asked for oral contributions at this meeting, to be followed in the near future with written comments. Various concerns and suggestions were offered by the Members as the Plan was discussed Objective by Objective. In response to an inquiry, General Wilson explained that one task of the HSC will be to develop a National HUMINT Plan. Mr. Colby would like the National Plan to be finished by the fall of 1975; it is to include the entire spectrum of activity in the HUMINT arena, including the people and money resources involved.

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5. [ ] reported that the Executive Steering Group had convened on 23 January to discuss the report from the Communications Study Group and to consider plans for the use of the HSC Conference facility. Members were provided with a list of Embassy locations where secure calls can now be made via the Diplomatic Telecommunications Service Secure Voice Network and with a proposed schedule for HSC-sponsored interagency conference calls. By 1980, it is projected that there will be about 100 Skylink terminals in Embassies allowing secure voice discussions with Washington. At the advice of the ESG, the Committee agreed to:

- note the report of the Communications Study Group, entitled Secure Communications to Overseas Installations (circulated to Members under HSC-C-106);
- send an updated version of the report to the Chairman of the Intelligence Information Handling Committee of USIB and to other persons recommended by General Wilson;
- thank the Study Group; and,
- ask the Chairman of the Study Group, [ ] to continue to provide technical and other support to the Committee as we proceed with establishing a program of conference calls to selected Embassies.

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6. The Chairman, ESG, then reported briefly regarding progress under the FOCUS Project and various activities related to other HSC projects, study groups, and task

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Chairman Wilson's draft, and he advised that any comments or suggestions from Members should be forwarded to the Executive Secretary by no later than close of business 31 January. (Regarding other Committee matters, Members are invited to examine the HSC monthly report of ongoing/pending actions.)

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7. After the regular meeting, the General convened a portion of the Committee in Executive Session to consider a proposal for the establishment of a special HSC Subcommittee.



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